

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor the 1954 Milton Sharp Shooters Boys Basketball team on the 50th anniversary of the team winning the Wayne County Conference Championship, the Wayne County Tourney Championship, and the Richmond Sectional Championship.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor the 1954 Milton Sharp Shooters Boys Basketball team on the 50th anniversary of the team winning the Wayne County Conference Championship, the Wayne County Tourney Championship, and the Richmond Sectional Championship.

Whereas, Milton High School was located in the small town of Milton, Indiana in Wayne County;

Whereas, Milton High School was proudly represented throughout the State of Indiana by their boys basketball team, "The Sharp Shooters," wearing the school colors of maroon and gold;

Whereas, Mr. Robert C. Davis was the coach of Milton High School's Boys Basketball team from 1940 to 1957,

Whereas, Coach Robert C. Davis instilled in the Milton Boys Basketball team the desire to win, focusing on physical conditioning and rebound positioning as keys to the future

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success of the team;

Whereas, in 1954, the Sharp Shooters won the Wayne County Conference with a record of 12 -2 and then headed to Richmond for the Wayne County Tourney, where they earned the title of Champion;

Whereas, the Milton Sharp Shooters then entered the Richmond Sectional with a record of 19-2, receiving one of the toughest draws in the tournament which included the strong teams of Richmond, Hagerstown, and Centerville;

Whereas, the Sharp Shooters beat Centerville with a score of 41-31 and defeated the favored Hagerstown Tigers with a score of 60-48; going on to meet the mighty Richmond Red Devils in the Sectional Semifinal;

Whereas, one of the best played games in the history of sectional basketball tournament play occurred in 1954 when the Milton Sharp Shooters took on the Goliath, Richmond Red Devils;

Whereas, Richmond was unable to counter Milton's near perfect offensive and defensive performance. Milton ultimately defeated the favored Richmond team 41-34;

Whereas, the Milton Sharp Shooters went on to defeat Fountain City's Little Giants 55-43 in the championship game to earn the Championship title of the Richmond Sectional;

Whereas, on the following Monday, Coach Davis found many of the players ill due to the physical demands of playing four hard fought games in five days;



Whereas, on Thursday, with a record of 23-3, the Sharp Shooters drove 43 miles to practice at the Muncie Fieldhouse where they would meet and eventually fall to the Middletown Cossacks, winners of the New Castle Sectional; and

Whereas, in 1954, one of the most enlightened and biggest upset in IHSAA history had occurred when the boys of the Milton Sharp Shooters defeated the Richmond Red Devils in the Richmond Sectional Semifinals: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate and the citizens of the State of Indiana are proud of its sports heros of the 1954 Milton Sharp Shooters Basketball team.

SECTION 2. That the Indiana Senate honors and congratulates the Sharp Shooters on the 50th anniversary of winning the 1954 Wayne County Conference, Wayne County Tourney, and the Richmond Sectional.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Head Coach Robert C. Davis; Principal James F. Baker; Players: Franklin Hiday, Merrill Ferris, Bob Bohlander, Dick Webb, Jon Higbie, Jay Spaulding, Paul Gardner, Robert Moore, John McGuire, Ronnie Sweetwood, Paul Hicks, and Conrad Russell; Cheerleaders: Mildred Struewing (Hiday) and David Ammerman; and Student Managers: Carl Maxel and Edwards Parks.

